

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method for treating plants with an agrochemical comprising spraying the plants with the agrochemical in combination with an oil-in-water micro-emulsion composition consisting essentially of:

- (a) from about 5 % to about 50 % of an oil phase component,
- (b) from about 2 % to about 20 % of a hydrophilic emulsifier,
- (c) from about 2 % to about 15 % of a lipophilic co-emulsifier, and
- (d) from about 10 % to about 90 % water,

wherein the ratio by weight of hydrophilic emulsifier to the combined weight of hydrophilic emulsifier and lipophilic co-emulsifier is from about 0.60 to about 0.80, and wherein said agrochemical comprises a water-soluble or substantially water-soluble agrochemical.

whereby said micro-emulsion composition increases the field efficacy of said agrochemical over a similar method without said micro-emulsion composition.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the oil phase component consists essentially of a fatty acid ester.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the oil phase component consists essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of methyl oleate and methyl laurate.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the oil phase component consists essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, vegetable oils, paraffinic oils and silicone oils.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier consists essentially of an alkyl(oligo)glycoside corresponding to the formula:



in which R is an alkyl group containing 8 to 22 carbon atoms, Z is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms and x is a number from 1 to 10.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the lipophilic co-emulsifier consists essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of glycerol esters and sorbitan esters of fatty acids containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the lipophilic co-emulsifier consists essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of glycerol monooleate and sorbitan monolaurate.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the said agrochemical comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of pesticides,

herbicides, algicides, fungicides, bactericides, viricides, insecticides, aphicides, miticides, nematocides, molluscicides, plant growth regulators, fertilizers, nutrients, gametocides, defoliants, desiccants, pest repellants, synergists, herbicide safeners, salt additives, preservatives, and mixtures thereof.

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the said agrochemical comprises a glyphosate herbicide.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the oil phase consists essentially of methyloleate, and the co-emulsifier consists essentially of glycerol monooleate.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier consists essentially of an alkyl polyglycoside.

41. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein said glyphosate herbicide comprises a glyphosate salt.